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**TRANSMITTAL COVER LETTER**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed for filing, please find the following:

1. Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (8 pages)
2. Postcard receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 10/24/06

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This document is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment which was mailed on September 28, 2006.

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Applicant has amended the claims as indicated below on a separate sheet. However, Applicant notes that the Examiner has incorrectly cited 37 CFR 1.121 as stating a “formal requirement for single deletions or deletions of sequences of 5 or less words, is now the use of double brackets...”

The text of 37 CFR 1.121 actually states:

The text of any deleted matter **must** be shown by strike-through except that double brackets placed before and after the deleted characters **may** be used to show deletion of five or fewer consecutive **characters**. The text of any deleted subject matter must be shown by being placed within double brackets if strikethrough cannot be easily perceived. (emphasis added)